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SUBJECT: ARA MONTHLY NARCOTICS REPORT

REF: A) STATE 142821; B) SANTIAGO 3982

1. FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN ARA MONTHLY NARCOTICS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER.

2. THE EFFECTS OF THE MILITARY COUP WHICH TOOK PLACE IN CHILE ON SEPT 11 HAVE DOMINATED ALL DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES BOTH WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND IN RELATION TO USG EFFORTS. IN TERMS OF CONTROL OF THE DRUG TRAFFIC, IT APPEARS EVIDENT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT MEANS A SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FORTHCOMING AND DETERMINED COOPERATION WITH US EFFORTS THAN THE CONSIDERABLE COOPERATION EXTENDED BY THE OVERTHROWN GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE.

3. THE NEW GOC HAS PUBLICLY CHARGED THAT OFFICIALS AND PARTY LEADERS OF THE POPULAR UNITY (UP) GOVERNMENT FACILITATED THE ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN COCAINE IN RETURN FOR FUNDS WITH WHICH TO BUY ARMS FOR LEFTIST GROUPS. THIS POLITICAL LINK OPERATED PRIMARILY THROUGH THE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION DEPT (DIA), ACCORDING TO THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES, WHO DISSOLVED THE DIA SOON AFTER THEY CAME TO POWER. LUIS SANGUINETTI, FORMER CHIEF OF THE DIA, IS KNOWN TO
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BE DEAD ALONG WITH CERTAIN OF HIS PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATES. FOR

REPORT ALLEGED CIRCUMSTANCES SANGUINETTI DEATH, SEE SANTIAGO 4274. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE MILITARY THAT DIA WILL BE REFORMED, AND WILL RESUME ACTIVITIES IN EARLY OCTOBER. A GENERAL REORGANIZATION OF ALL CHILEAN AGENCIES DEALING WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM IS CONTEMPLATED.

4. THE COOPERATION EXTENDED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS DEMONSTRATED BY ITS DECISION TO ARREST OVER 30 OF THE PRINCIPAL DRUG TRAFFICKERS KNOWN TO DEA, BOTH CHILEAN AND ALIEN, WITH A VIEW TO DELIVERY TO US AUTHORITIES. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MARTIAL LAW, FIVE OF THE WANTED INDIVIDUALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRESTED, TO BE HELD FOR FORMAL EXTRADITION REQUESTS FROM THE US IN THE CASE OF CHILEAN NATIONALS. NON-CHILEANS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US AUTHORITIES IN A MORE INFORMAL MANNER. UNFORTUNATELY, LEAKS AND PUBLICITY HAVE FOREWARNED MANY OF THE TRAFFICKERS, WHO HAVE GONE INTO HIDING. A SPECIAL TASK FORCE OF NATIONAL POLICE (CARABINEROS)

AND INVESTIGATIONS SERVICE (PLAIN-CLOTHES CIVIL POLICE) OFFICERS, WORKING WITH DEA AGENTS OF EMBASSY SANTIAGO, HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THIS OPERATION.

5. IT APPEARS THAT THE COCAINE TRAFFIC FROM CHILE HAS BEEN SHAKEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE EFFORTS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.
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